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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Box Patent Application
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of inventor(s):

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MAKING A BRAIDED STENT WITH SPHERICALLY ENDED WIRES

1. Type of Application

This new application is for a(n)

- ☒ Original (non provisional)
☐ Design
☐ Plant

2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

3. ☒ Specification, including Description, Claims and Abstract (Total Page: 40)

4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) (Total sheets 7)

5. Oath or Declaration

- a. ☒ Newly executed (original or copy) (informal)
b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
i. ☐ Deletion of Inventors (Signed statement attached deleting inventors(s) named in the prior application. See 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 133 (b).

6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. ☐ CD-ROM or DC-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)

8. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if application, all necessary)

a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)

b. Specification Sequence Listing on:

- i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
ii. ☐ Paper

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

Prior application information:

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. This incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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37 CFR § 1.16(a) |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Total Claims
(37 CFR § 1.16(c)) | 54-20=34 | 34 x \$18.00= | \$710.00 |
| Independent Claims
(37 CFR § 1.16(b)) | 7-3=4 | 4 x \$80.00= | 612.00 |
| Multiple dependent claims(s), if
any (37 CFR § 1.16(d)) | | 4 x \$80.00= | 320.00 |
| | | + \$270.00= | 0.00 |
| | | Total | \$1642.00 |
| | | ½ for Small Entity | |

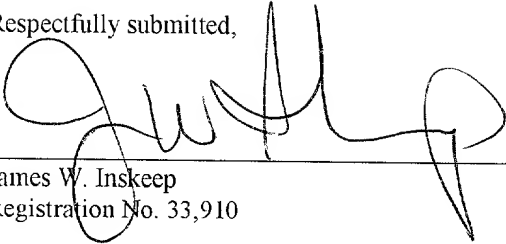
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